

REMARKS

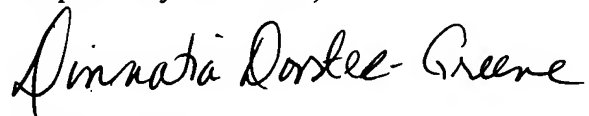
Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. Claims 3-5 are withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 1-4 are amended. Claims 3 and 4 are only amended to improve the readability and to conform to common U.S. practice. These amendments do not change the scope of claims 3 and 4 nor affect their patentability. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1 and 2 are amended responsive to the rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Rejoinder of claims 3-5 and prompt allowance of claims 1 and 2 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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